

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/891,311

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final filed on May 12, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9, 11 and 13-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a Notice of Allowability in response to the Amendment received on May 12, 2006. Claims 8, 10 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 11 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 13-20 remain pending in this application.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 13-20 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per claims 1, the prior art of record taken alone or in combination fails to teach the additional limitations of claim 8, moved into claim 1 and indicated to contain allowable subject matter in the previous Office Action. Specifically, the prior art of record does not teach the steps comprised by determining the rate of change in the state of conflict, and in particular, the step of placing the composite values and the delta information of the selected country onto a conflict assessment framework, wherein said framework comprises five stages of conflict that track where the selected country falls with respect to the probability of conflict arising.

Claims 2-7 and 9 are allowable due to their dependency on the allowable independent claim 1.

As per claims 11, the prior art of record taken alone or in combination fails to teach the additional limitations of claim 12, moved into claim 11 and indicated to contain allowable subject matter in the previous Office Action. Specifically, the prior art of record does not teach the steps comprised by determining the rate of change in the

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state of conflict, and in particular, the step of placing the composite values and the delta information of the selected country onto a conflict assessment framework, wherein said framework comprises five stages of conflict that track where the selected country falls with respect to the probability of conflict arising.

Claims 13-20 are allowable due to their dependency on the allowable independent claim 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sergey Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-8188. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight, can be reached on (571) 272-3687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Knight', is positioned above the printed name.

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